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Foreword

I am immensely delighted to write a foreword for the book entitled, "Indian Dairying: Challenges and Opportunities" written by Dr. Vijay Kumar of Uttar Pradesh Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Pashu Chikitsa Vigyan Vishwavidyalaya Evam Go-Anusandhan Sansthan, Mathura. India's journey from a milk deficit country to milk surplus nation has been historic. Indian dairy industry is symbolic to the upward trajectory of the country's economic power and influence. Consumers with growing socio-economic status and more income are looking for healthy food alternatives. As a consequence, milk and milk products are growing in popularity. Although, India has emerged as the highest milk producer in the world and dairy industry has played a very significant role in economic, social and nutritional well-being of rural masses. There are many challenges for Indian dairy sector. In spite of widespread popularity of Indian dairy products, India is a very minor player in the world dairy food market. There are several reasons responsible for this situation such as slow breed improvement, shortage of feed and fodder, emerging new disease, poor penetration of technologies at farmers' door, inadequacy of appropriate technologies for commercial production, lack of quality assurance system and more important nonexistence of industry-institution linkage.

The objective of the book is to enlighten stake holders on different important issues on dairy sector of India. I am confident that this book will go a long way in helping the students, dairy farmers, entrepreneurs, academicians, researchers and other stake holders of the dairy sector. I wish the author all the best.

A K Srivastava

Preface

India has an enormous wealth of cattle, which is crucial to the development of the socioeconomic status of millions of rural households as well as the country's economy. In addition to giving millions of people access to low-cost nutritious food, this industry plays a significant role in boosting family incomes and creating gainful employment in rural areas, notably among landless laborers, small and marginal farmers, and the women. The introduction of dairying has been beneficial for dairy producers and particularly significant for those societal groups that have historically been weak. It has given a year-round source of income where they previously could only rely on revenues from seasonal crops or irregular labor. Dairying has developed into a full-fledged industry in the nation, positively enhancing the lives of those involved in the industry, whether directly or indirectly, and bringing about significant socioeconomic improvements. With expanding population, growing urbanization and increasing purchasing power, the demand for milk and milk products is expected to go up. We need to catch up with the daunting challenge to produce more milk and convert it efficiently into value added products. Global trend in animal production also indicates a rapid and massive increase in consumption of dairy products. To meet the domestic demand of milk and to generate sufficient exportable surplus, the growth rate in our milk production needs to be accelerated.

Indian dairy research priorities need to be focused on development of technologies in the area of dairy science viz. animal production, milk processing and extension and marketing. There is a need to increase the number of animals with superior germplasm, at the same time the number of non-producing and less producing animals should be reduced in order to minimize the competition on limited feed and fodder. Further the major challenges which require urgent attention are, low productivity, breed improvement, shortage of feed and fodder, emerging new disease, poor penetration of technologies at farmers door etc. To unpack these issues being faced by Indian dairy sector, it is pertinent to dive deep and list out the factors that have been hampering the productivity, processing and marketing of milk and dairy products.

I am highly thankful to Prof. A K Srivastava, Vice Chancellor, DUVASU, Mathura for appreciating my effort. I am also thankful to the students and

teachers who read my two books on Animal Genetics & Breeding and encouraged me to write a book on Indian Dairying. I am also highly thankful to my family members - my wife Kajal, my son, my mother and my elder brothers & sister.

I hope this book will be of great use and help to the students, dairy farmers & entrepreneurs, dairy industry personnel, academicians, researchers and stake holders in Indian dairy sector.

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